TRAMWAY—PARTICULARS REGARDING PENSIONABLE AND NON-PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES

329. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information regarding the Forest Tramway Department.—

(*a*) the number of employees in the Department;

(*b*) the number and names of those who are in the pensionable service and the monthly pay of each;

(*c*) the number in the non-pensionable service;

(*d*) the number in the non-pensionable service who have put in more than ten years;

(*e*) the names and pay of those who have put in more than 20 years service;

(*f*) the names of those who have put in 30 years and more;

(*g*) whether those in the non-pensionable service get any benefit as compensation in place of pension; if so, what is it and when was it introduced; are they paid hill allowance; if so, what percentage of the pay?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) 213.

(*b*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix VII).*

(*c*)

Permanent	..	172
Temporary	..	7
Daily-paid	..	26
Total	..	205

(*d*) 57.

(*e*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix VIII)*

(*f*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix IX)*

(*g*) Some members of the staff have been allowed the benefit of the Tramway Contributory Provident Fund in place of pension. This scheme was introduced with effect from 1st Chingam 1108 M.E. A list of those eligible for enlistment in the scheme is appended. *(Appendix X).* A list of those who are paid Hill Allowance, showing the percentage of their pay that is allowed as Hill Allowance, is also appended. *(Appendix XI)*

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APPENDIX VI

[Please see answer to question No. 320 (i)]

നമ്പർ	ഗ്രന്ഥകർത്താവിന്റെ പേര്	എന്തുവകക്കു എന്നു	സംഭാവന ക.	ണ.	സ.
൧	സി. കുഞ്ഞിരാമമേനോൻ സിക്രട്ടറി All Kerala Library Association	"ഗ്രന്ഥവിഹാരം"	൧ ൦	൦	൦
൨	കെ. കെ. രാജാ	"ബാഷ്പാഞ്ജലി"	൧ ൦	൦	൦
൩	എ. സി. ഗോവിന്ദൻ	"സമ്പൽ സമൃദ്ധി"	൧ ൦	൦	൦
൪	പെട്ടരഴിയം ചെറിയ രാമനെളയതു	"പെട്ടരഴിയം വലിയ രാമനെളയ്ത്തിന്റെ കൃതികൾ (പദ്യം)"	൧ ൫	൦	൦
൫	കെ. പ്രകാശം, കണ്ടശ്ശാങ്കടവു	"പ്രണയപ്രകർഷം" ഗ്രാമീണ കുസുമങ്ങൾ പ്രേമാഞ്ജലി	൧ ൦	൦	൦
൬	എം. രാമൻ മണാളർ	തേനീച്ച വളർത്തൽ	൫	൧ ൦	൦
൭	ഒ. രാമൻ മേനോൻ	കൃഷിപാഠ പുസ്തകം	൧ ൦	൦	൦
൮	ജെ. വി. അക്കരപ്പറമ്പിൽ	കൃഷിശാസ്ത്രം	൧ ൨	൬	൦
൯	കെ. വാസുദേവൻ മൂസ്സതു (കമ്മിറിപണ്ഡിതർ)	കെടില്ല്യന്റെ അർത്ഥശാസ്ത്രം—൫ ൦ സാഹിത്യദർപ്പണം Part II ൫ ൦	൧ ൦ ൦	൦	൦

APPENDIX VII

[Please see answer to question No. 329(i)]

List showing the number, name and pay of those who are in pensionable service

No.	*Name*	*Monthly pay*
1	C. V. Mannadiar	Rs 210 in 200—300 grade
2	V. D. Venkitachala Ayyar	Rs. 60 in 40—60 grade
3	C. Nanu Menon	Rs. 40 in 25—40 grade
4	K. J Alexander	Rs. 56 in 40—60 grade
5	P. Pyloth	Rs. 13
6	C.. K. Narayanan Nayar	Rs. 12
7	K. Raman Nayar	Rs. 11
8	V. Chandrasekharan Nayar	Rs. 10

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APPENDIX VIII

[*Please see answer to question No. 329(e)*]

List showing the names and pay of those who have put in more than 20 years service but less than 30 years

No.	*Name*	*Pay*
		Rs.
1	Francis Levera	25
2	Kadirsha	14
3	Meerala	14
4	A. Ouseph	11—8—0
5	P. Narayanan Nayar	10
6	T. Thoman	11
7	K. Sankaran Nayar	10
8	P. Thoman	10
9	C. Vallon	10
10	E. Narayanan Nayar	11—8—0
11	K. Pichakutty	11
12	C. Nanu Nayar	10
13	Pandaran Raman	12
14	M. Maman	11
15	A. Pyloth	12
16	K. Vareed	13
17	K. Raman	13
18	A. Poranchu	12
19	C. Sankarankutty Nayar	13
20	K. Antony	13
21	V. Koppen	13—8—0
22	P. Narayanan Nayar	12
23	E. Narayanan Nayar	13—8—0
24	A. Vareed	14
25	T. Narayanan Nayar	12—8—0
26	M. Pyloth	14
27	Kandan Tharavu	12—8—0
28	K. Poranchu	14—8—0
29	K. Krishnan	12—8—0
30	M. Pyloth	12—8—0
31	V. Ikkoran	13—8—0
32	P. Ouseph	12
33	T. Ouseph	10
34	N. Neelakandan Nambiar	40
35	T. Ramakrishna Menon	40
36	V. Antony	18
37	K. Kelu	25
38	K. Achyutan Nayar	11
39	P. Sankaran	11
40	K. Govindan Nayar	10
41	Abdul Kareem	10
42	M. Velunny	10

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No.	*Name*	*Pay*	
		Rs.	
43	Thottan Devassy	10	
44	K. Antony	10	
45	K. Pyloth	10	
46	P. Pyloth	10	
47	M. Kunhukrishnan Nayar	10	
48	T. R. Ouseph	10	
49	V. Paramu Nayar	10	
50	M. Govindankutty Menon	25	
51	C. Ouseph	25	
52	Valappil Vareed	14	
53	K. Pyloth	14	
54	Karedan Vareed	14	
55	K. Ouseph	14	
56	V. Ayyappan	14	
57	T. Achyutan Nayar	14	
58	V. A. Subramania Ayyar	40	
59	K. A. Paul	1	per day—daily paid work-shop
60	K. T. Lonappan	0—14—0	,, do.
61	A. Pyloth	0— 8—0	,, do.
62	Sankaran	0—15—0	,, do.
63	Kochappy	0—12—0	,, do.
64	K. Krishnan	1— 0—0	,, do.
65	V. Achyutan Nayar	0— 6—0	,, do.
66	M. Pyloth	0— 6—0	,, do.

APPENDIX IX

[*Please see answer to question No. 329 (f)*]

List showing the names of those who have put in more than thirty years' service

Serial No.	*Name*
1.	P. Kunhikrishna Menon
2.	M. Thoma
3.	P. Lonappan
4.	Panjikaran Ouseph
5.	K. Velandy
6.	K. Karuppan
7.	P. Ouseph
8.	V. Narayanan Nayar
9.	Mohamed Ghose
10.	C. Pyloth
11.	Para Ouseph
12.	T. Kuttan
13.	M. Pappu
14.	Kadan Vally
15.	V. Velu
16.	Kadan Kittappan

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Serial No.	*Name*
17.	V. Shaik Mohamed Rawuther
18.	V. Krishnan
19.	B. Mosses
20.	V. J. Kunjipyloth
21.	S. Sabjan
22.	A. Ouseph
23.	K. Krishnan Nayar
24.	C. Ayyappan
25.	Meeranji Rawuther
26.	K. Sankaran Nayar
27.	A. Rappai
28.	F. D. Pinto
29.	Shaik Ibrahim
30.	P. L. Augustine
31.	M. Pylee
32.	P. Peroo
33.	C. Raphael
34.	A. Sankunny Menon Daily-paid Work-shop
35.	A. Fernandez
36.	Lutherine
37.	Manikutty
38.	Roman Pingera

APPENDIX X

[Please see answer to question No. 329 (g)]

List of those who are eligible for subscription to the Tramway Contributory Provident Fund

Serial No.	*Designation*		*No.*
1.	Permanent Way Inspector	..	1
2.	Sub-Permanent Way Inspector	..	1
3.	Section Mates	..	2
4.	Section Carpenter	..	1
5.	Gang Mates	..	15
6.	Loco Clerks	..	2
7.	Time Keeper	..	1
8.	Head Fitter	..	1
9.	Fitter	..	1
10.	Assistant Fitter	..	1
11.	Drivers	..	5
12.	Stokers	..	5
13.	Lighters	..	2
14.	Night Fitter	..	1
15.	Hill Workshop Blacksmith	..	1
16.	Traffic Clerk	..	1
17.	Guards	..	3
18.	Assistant Guards	..	2

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19.	Head Brakesmen	..	2
20.	Brakesmen	..	3
21.	Spare Brakesman	..	1
22.	Depot Store Keeper	..	1
23.	Assistant do.	..	1
24.	Store Clerk	..	1
	Total	..	55

APPENDIX XI

[Please see answer to question No. 329(g)]

List of those who are eligible for Hill allowance

Serial No.	*Designation*	*No.*	*Percentage*
1	Head Fitter	1	20·0
2	Fitter	1	27·7
3	Assistant Fitter	1	28·6
4	Driver	1	9·0
5	Drivers	2	11·0
6	Lighter	1	18·1
7	Fitter Lascars	2	20·0
8	Water Coolies	8	20·0
9	Guards	2	20·0
10	Assistant Guard	1	23·0

Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja

Secretary to the Council: Sir, under Standing Order 5 (2) I beg to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has given His gracious assent to the following Bills, passed by the Council.

1. Government Land Grants Bill.
2. The Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Cochin Bar Council Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Cochin Nayar Act (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill.
6. The Cochin Patents and Designs Act (Amendment) Bill.
7. The Cochin Census Bill.
8. The Cochin Police Act (Amendment) Bill.
9. The Makkathayam Thiyya Bill.
10. The Cochin Tea Cultivation Restriction Act (Amendment) Bill.

Statement placed on the Table

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules I beg

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to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.—

Serial No.	*Head of Account*	*Amount* Rs.	*Explanation*
1.	24—Public Health—B. Vaccination—cost of lymph—(State—1115)	1,500	To meet the increased demand for vaccination on account of out-break of small-pox in several parts of the State
2.	6. Excise—Temporary Establishment (Cranganur—1114)	251	To cover the actual expenditure incurred in 1114
3.	13 (*h*) Cattle Pounds (Cranganur—1114)	17	
4.	(*i*) Cranganur—1114 7. Stamps		
	a (*i*) Commission on sale of General Stamps	15	To cover the actual expenditure incurred in 1114
	a (*ii*) Commission on sale of Court Fee Stamps	1	
	(*d*) Refunds	36	

Supplementary Grants

1. Rs. 150 under 7—Excise, Service labels

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise):* I rise to move for an additional allot...ent of Rs. 150 under 7 Excise, Service labels. This is due to the increase of correspondence in the Department. I request that the additional allotment may be granted.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 172 under "9—Stamps, Temporary Establishment"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 172 under 9 Stamps, Temporary Establishment. This amount is necessitated on account of the entertainment of a temporary clerk in the Stamp Office as the work in the bill section was very heavy. The provision is necessary for his pay from Vrischigam to Karkadagam. I request that the amount may be granted.

Demand put and carried

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3. Rs. 2,600 under "14—General Administration, Printed forms."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move an additional allotment of Rs. 2,600 under 14 General Administration, Printed forms. Out of the amount allotted in this year a good portion had to be adjusted towards the expenses incurred in this connection last year and so there is practically nothing left in this year's budget to meet this expenditure. The increased expenditure is due to the fact that we have adopted the commercial system of accounting in the Press. According to that system the cost that has to be paid will be something more than the actual expenditure incurred. This factor has not been taken into account in preparing the budget. So this additional amount is required.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 1,200 under "14-(4) Legislative Council T. A."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,200 under 14(4) Legislative Council T. A. This increase is due to the appointment of several Select Committees and the increased T. A. that had to be paid to the members. I request the House to sanction the additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

5. Rs. 500 under "14-General Administration, Huzur Secretariat T. A."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I move that an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under 14-General Administration, Huzur Secretariat T. A. may be granted by this House. This is due to the large inspection work that is now being done by the clerks of the office. A large number of offices have to be inspected by the clerks and recently Government passed an order increasing the daily allowance of clerks. They were getting only 8 annas and it has been changed to Re. 1.

Demand put and carried

6. Rs. 140 under "Establishment, Rs. 500 under Allowances and Rs. 50 under Contingency under 14-General Administration 7-Committee"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 140 under Establishment,

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Rs. 500 under Allowances and Rs. 50 under Contingency under 14 General Administration 7-Committee. There was no provision made in the budget for this expenditure. This is in connection with the Kuri Committee that has been appointed and it is to meet the T. A. of the members and the pay of the typist-clerk. The House may be pleased to sanction the amount.

Demand put and carried

7. Rs. 200 under "16-Law and Justice, T. A."

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that this House may be pleased to grant an additional allotment of Rs. 200 under 16 Law and Justice T. A. The total allotment in the original budget is Rs. 150 and that allotment was for the 2 Government pleaders and also the Advocate-General. In the course of the year the Trichur Government Pleader had to travel outside Trichur to attend the Sessions cases and he had also to go to the Trichur Munsiff's Court. The allotment given to him has been exhausted and a few bills are pending payment. The allotment itself was found to be insufficient. Again there were several Select Committees in which the Advocate-General happened to be the Chairman. He had to travel to several parts of the State. It is for the purpose of meeting this additional expenditure which could not be anticipated at the time of the budget that the additional allotment is required.

Demand put and carried

8. Rs. 600 under "17 (1)-Central Jail, clothing and bedding"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 600 under 17 (1) Central Jail—Clothing and bedding. This increase is mainly due to the increased number of prisoners. The reasons are given in the printed note. Owing to the abnormal increase in the number of prisoners the provision of Rs. 750 in the budget is found insufficient for the requirement of the year. Judging from the statistics of the 1st six months of the year it is anticipated that an amount of Rs. 600 more will be required. Savings under other heads are not available and hence I request that the additional allotment asked for may be granted.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the number of prisoners?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The average was 200. Now it has risen to 300.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether the prisoners are convicts or debtors?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Both.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Government have considered the question of giving them accommodation. I understand that 3 to 4 persons are put in a single room.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That matter is not now under the consideration of Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഒരു മുറിയിൽ മൂന്നാലു് ആളുകളെ ഇടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയാണൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ: ഒരേസമയത്തു് മൂന്നാലു് ആളുകളെ ഒരു മുറിയിൽ ഇടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും അങ്ങിനെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ: ചിലപ്പോൾ ചില സബ്ജയിലുകളിൽ രണ്ടാളുകളെ ഇട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കാം.

Mr. President: Has there been any report from the Honorary visitors?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I visited the jail last week and during the lock up time I found that in more than half a dozen rooms there were more than 2 prisoners.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the number that can be accommodated in the jail?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* 200.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There is provision for 240 prisoners. Why should 2 or 3 prisoners be put in one cell?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* The accommodation is for 240. I think the last figure of prisoners will be about 350.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the increase of prisoners due to? Is it due to the increase of crime?

Demand put and carried

9. Rs. 100 under "Sub-Jails—Temporary establishment"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under Sub-Jails, temporary establishment. This is due to the increase of prisoners in the Sub-Jails also, especially women prisoners and we have to appoint women warders.

Demand put and carried

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10. Rs. 7,000 under "24—Public Health—charges for the prevention of Epidemics"

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,000 under 24 Public Health—Charges for the prevention of Epidemics. As the House is aware, there has been an outbreak of plague and I am happy to say that this is now under control although it may be necessary to keep up these preventive measures for 3 or 4 months more. Of course there was some outbreak of small-pox especially in the Talappalli Taluk. We are taking necessary measures to counteract the disease and to afford necessary facilities to the poor people. For this purpose, I request the House to allow this grant.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ. സാധാരണയായി വസൂൽക്കാലങ്ങളിൽ എല്ലാ കൊല്ലവും സ്മാൾ പോക്സ് ഉണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ട്; എല്ലാ കൊല്ലവും ആയിരം പണവും ചിലവാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇത്രയൊക്കെയാണെങ്കിലും അതിനുള്ള നിവാരണം? അല്ലെങ്കിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും മറ്റു നിവാരണ മാർഗ്ഗം ഗവൺമെണ്ടു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I confess that vaccination has not been done as properly as it ought to be. Strict measures are proposed to be taken to see that this work is done more properly. I confess that this has not been satisfactorily done.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Even vaccinators are not appointed.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I confess that the work has not been done properly. 60 per cent of the cases enquired into were cases of primary vaccination. I want to rectify all these things.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the number of deaths from plague during 1115?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* About 4 or 5. A number of rats died.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: വാക്സിനേഷൻ ശരാശരിയായി ചെയ്യിക്കുക എന്നല്ലാതെ വേറെ വല്ല സ്കീമും ഇതിനു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am preparing a scheme also. It is only symptomatic treatment.

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മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: വസൂരി പിടിച്ചു കിടക്കുന്ന ആളുകളെ ഇംഗ്ലീഷു സമ്പ്രദായത്തിൽ ചികിൽസിക്കാമോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ചികിത്സിക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: വസൂരിപിടിച്ചു കിടക്കുന്ന ആളുകളെ നാട്ടുവൈദ്യ സമ്പ്രദായപ്രകാരം ചികിത്സിക്കുന്നതിനു ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിനെ ഏല്പിച്ചുകൂടേ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ പാമ്പു കടിച്ചവിഷം ഇറക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതു തന്നെ ശരിയായിട്ടു ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ തരമില്ല. ചില വിഷം ഇറക്കും, ചില വിഷം ഇറങ്ങുകയില്ല. അതുപോലെയായിരിക്കും ഇതും കൂടി ഏല്പിച്ചു കൊടുത്താൽ.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* It is claimed by Homeopathic doctors that they can cure this disease.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there been any recent outbreak of plague in Mattancheri; and if not why are these preventive measures taken?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is only in a general way. Occasionally we get rat falls. There were also human deaths. Immediately necessary preventive measures were taken and I am happy to announce that we have been successful beyond our expectations to get it under control.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there ever been more than one or two deaths from plague?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not that I know of.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There is an outbreak of small-pox in Chalakkudi. I want the Government to do something at once, as the poor people there die of starvation.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That will receive my immediate attention.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There is a contagious shed in Kunnamkulam but there is no kitchen or well. Provision has been made for this, but it has not been utilised till now. There were cases of small-pox patients admitted into the shed, and for want of a kitchen, it was found very difficult to feed them. They had to get their meals from hotels.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* How many patients are there now?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I do not know.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am told that for the last 5 years there never has been one admission,

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* This year there was. How can the patients be admitted? There is no kitchen. Money was allotted. But it has not been spent.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am very anxious that money should not be wasted. I made enquiries and I find that not a single patient has been admitted for the last 4 or 5 years in these contagious sheds, excepting Trippunittura, where one was admitted and the fellow died. I may also say that Kunnamkulam will have a very good chance of improving these things in the very near future.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* During the last 3 months has there been any death from plague?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think there was one case.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Are you sure that the death was due to plague?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am not in a position to say that, but the report was that it was a positive case.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* From where was it exported?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is exported and imported from various parts. Sometimes it is imported from Alleppey to Mattancheri and from Mattancheri to Alleppey.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has there been any complaint from the people of Mattancheri that there was the scare of plague?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They have got used to these rat falls.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* A propaganda has been going on that there is plague in Mattancheri. But there has been only $1\frac{1}{2}$ deaths in a year. There has been no scare and we are told so.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The point is not whether the statement that there is plague is correct or not. We are expected to take preventive measures for 3 months whenever a rat fall is reported.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* We are not afraid of these plagues. My only point is that Government money has been wasted in this venture.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether recently there has been an organised propaganda that there is plague in Mattancheri?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government have no information.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are not the Government reading newspapers ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* One cannot consider that all the statements published in newspapers are biblical truths.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* But they are attacking the Cochin Harbour and our income from the Harbour will be affected.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the House wants I shall give a short account tomorrow what actually take place and how well we have taken all the necessary precautions.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Propaganda from one source or other has been going on against the Harbour saying that there is plague in Mattancheri. It is up to the Government to dispel any anxiety in the minds of the public.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have published a short account in my own name of what we were doing in order to allay public scare. You will find that all the necessary informations have been given. I did not think it necessary to answer every attack. Therefore I do not pursue that line.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur) :* Why not publish another statement?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will consider about it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government is aware of the hardship caused to the merchants of the northern parts who take their goods from Mattancheri in valloms.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think there is any trouble now. We have come to an agreement with the Travancore Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If there is no plague elsewhere why should we waste money here in cynogassing goods coming from plague-infected areas.

Mr. President: There was rat fall in Mattancheri and hence the goods had to be cynogassed as a preventive measure. It is to prevent any export of plague bascellii from Mattancheri.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government collecting anything for cynogassing?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. We collect 8 annas. Government thereby lose 4 annas, as the cost of medicine has increased. I am seriously thinking of increasing the rate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has cynogassing been resorted to elsewhere ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Demand put and carried

11. Rs. 11,500 under "26-purchase of Stationery articles"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 11,500 under 26 purchase of stationery articles. It is to stock paper for one year in advance. There is the difficulty of getting paper in view of the war. We are trying to stock paper for one year and for this the amount is required.

Demand put and carried

12. Rs. 2,575 under "28-A-Civil Engineering. B.O."

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,575 under 28-A Civil Engineering. This represents the amount which had to be spent for certain repairs which were executed in the building which the Minister now occupies. The building was occupied by the Southern Division Assistant Engineer's Office and it had to be repaired to suit the Minister's convenience. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

Demand put and carried

13. Rs. 700 from "33-Rural Development Establishment to 4 Co-operative Societies Establishment, and Rs. 300 from 33-Rural Development fixed T. A. to 4 Co-operative Societies fixed T. A."

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for a transfer of Rs. 700 from 33 Rural Development Establishment to IV Co-operative Societies Establishment and of Rs. 300 from 33 Rural Development fixed T.A. to IV Co-operative Societies Fixed T.A. One of the officers of the Rural Development Department was transferred. His allowances and T.A. have to be paid. There

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is no additional expenditure. The post of the Poultry Inspector has been abolished and he is drafted to the Co-operative Department.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 125 from "32-Industries" to "31-Industries" and Rs. 30 from "32 Industries" to "31 Industries"

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for a transfer of Rs. 125 from "32-Industries—Transferred—B. G. I. Schools, Establishment" to "31-Industries—Reserved—A. Direction and Inspection—Temporary Establishment" and Rs. 30 from "32-Industries—Transferred—B. G. I. Schools—Establishment" to "31-Industries—Reserved—A. Direction and Inspection—T. A." It is necessitated by the extension of the term of the clerk appointed for collecting rainfall statistics.

Demand put and carried

15. Rs. 395 under 37-Income-tax—Contingencies—Printing

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 395 under 37 Income-tax—Contingencies—Printing. A portion of the amount allotted this year had to be adjusted for the expenditure incurred in 1114. So this amount is required to meet the cost of printing this year.

Demand put and carried

16. Under 17-(1) Central Jail, Rs. 260 for pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Rs. 170 for jailors and warders Rs. 2,750 for diet of prisoners and Rs. 600 for miscellaneous

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for the following additional allotments under 17-(1) Central Jail. Rs. 260 for pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Rs. 170 for Jailors and warders Rs. 2,750 for diet of prisoners and Rs. 600 for miscellaneous. The necessity for the additional allotment for all these items is clearly explained in the note. The amount of Rs. 260 asked for is due to the higher grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon now appointed. The Surgeon there was drawing Rs. 64 but now another man was appointed. We had to send a man for training as Jailor in the Coimbatore Central Jail for 3 months. His allowance is to be met from the Central Jail. For this a sum of Rs. 170 is required.

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